

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on March 17, 2003 at 3 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dave Gallik, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)  
Rep. Ronald Devlin (R)  
Rep. George Golie (D)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Bernie Olson (R)  
Rep. Allen Rome (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Donald Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)

**Staff Present:** Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch  
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

**Please Note.** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 345, SB 377, SB 359, 3/11/2003  
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 345

Sponsor: SENATOR JIM ELLIOT, SD 36

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SENATOR ELLIOT introduced SB 345 as a constituent bill. This bill is for one type of incident, in one particular place involving one particular person. This bill would require obtaining a license to haul house moving beams.

**EXHIBIT**(trh56a01)

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Proponents' Testimony:

Doug Hardy, Montana Electrical Cooperatives, said the cooperatives support this legislation.

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Gary Willis, Northwestern Energy supports this legislation.

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

Dave Galt, Director Montana Department of Transportation. Current law calls for a permit for log trucks, so the idea here is to extend this permitting to house beams.

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Shawn Driscoll, Colonel, Montana Highway Patrol.

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REPS. SMITH, KEANE, OLSEN, and GALLIK questioned Gary Willis, SEN. ELLIOT and Dave Galt. The discussion explained the licensing requirements.

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Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. ELLIOT closed with a summary of the testimony on the bill.

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HEARING ON SB 359

Sponsor: SENATOR BRENT CROMLEY, SD 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. CROMLEY introduced SB 359 as a constituent bill and would mandate that materials in the back of a pickup be secured.

**EXHIBIT**(trh56a02)

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Proponents' Testimony:

Luke Anderson, citizen, was involved in an accident where a mattress blew off the back of a pickup, blocking the driver's vision and causing an accident. Luke is 11 years old.

**EXHIBIT**(trh56a03)

Shilo Laszloffy supported this legislation.

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Shawn Driscoll, Colonel Montana Highway Patrol, stated that his agency supports this legislation.

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REP. JEFF LASZLOFFY, expressed his support for this bill.

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

Dave Galt, Director of Montana Department of Transportation.

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

REPS. BERGREN, SMITH and WAITSCHIES questioned SEN. CROMLEY. The discussion centered on littering statutes and safety issues.

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

SEN. CROMLEY closed with a request to pass this bill with the proposed amendments.

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**HEARING ON SB 377**

**Sponsor:** SENATOR DALE MAHLUM, SD 35

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

SEN. MAHLUM introduced SB 377 as simple, with a change on Page 5, Lines 11 and 12. He stated that n 83-year-old lady requested him to introduce this bill to extend the veteran benefits to the surviving spouse.

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**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

REP. DEVLIN questioned SEN. MAHLUM.

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

SEN. MAHLUM closed by thanking the committee for a good hearing.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:50 P.M.

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REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

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PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (trh56aad)**